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A REMARKABLE INSTANCE of presence of mind on the part of the captain of a man-of-war is related by the St. Petersburg papers. About the end of August the Russian war frigate Olaf, which had accompanied the yacht of the Czarovitch to Copenhagen, was lying at anchor among hundreds of other ships in the harbor, when a fire was discovered in a coal cellar below, which was only a few feet from the powder magazine. There was no time to put out the fire before it could reach the magazine, and an explosion of the larger stores of cartridges and gun powder contained in it, would probably have destroyed not only the Olaf and the surrounding ships, but part of Copenhagen itself. Captain Rehbinder, the commander of the Olaf, saw at once that the only thing to be done to prevent a catastrophe was to sink the ship. After sending away the crew with the ship's papers, cash boxes, and most valuable instruments in boxes, he ordered the carpenters and engineers to make a leak in the vessel, and half an hour afterwards she sank in not very deep water. Next day she was raised again, and after some provisional repairs was taken to Copenhagen, where she is now lying in dock pending her complete restoration for service. The damage done is stated to be comparatively trifling, and the court martial held on the officers of the vessel unanimously expressed the highest praise of the conduct of the captain and his subordinates. The Emperor has appointed him aid-de-camp, which is one of the highest honors conferred on Russian naval officers, and the officers and crew under him have received gratuities from the Emperor's grumpy purse.

A NARROW ESCAPE OF WILLIAM IV.—One cannot but wonder whether William the Fourth of England ever learned that a plot was laid for his abduction during his visit to New York in the spring of 1872. The Prince was a young and reckless misanthrope, given to flirtation, and to the inheritance which found vent in wrenching off door-knobs; and it probably never occurred to him that in his person the "rebels" would find a hostage worth having. The project originated with Colonel Matthias Ogden, of the Jersey line, and the intention was to surprise the Prince and his commission-guard, Admiral Digby, at their quarters in the city mansion of Gerardus Beekman on Hanover Square. Two officers and thirty-nine men were to land in New York near the Beekman mansion, force the doors of the house, capture the Admiral and Prince, and convey them to their boats. The plan was approved by Washington, but it does not appear that any decided attempt was made to carry it out. In some manner, the apprehensions of the British leaders were excited for the safety of the Prince, and every precaution was taken against a surprise. Had it not been for this warning, the boldness of the plan appears likely to have insured its success.—*Scribner for February.*

A GLIMPSE OF GEN. WASHINGTON.—There came a sunshiny day in April, 1789, when George Washington, President elect of the United States by the unanimous voice of the people, stood on a balcony in front of the Senate Chamber in the old Federal Hall on Wall street, to take the oath of office. An immense multitude filled the streets, and the windows and roofs of the adjoining houses. Clad in a suit of dark brown cloth of American manufacture, with hair powdered, and with white silk stockings, silver shoe-buckles and steel-bitted dress sword, the hero who had led the colonies to their independence came modestly forward to take up the burdens that peace had brought. Profound silence fell upon the multitude as Washington responded solemnly to the reading of the oath of office, "I swear—so help me God." Then, amid cheers, the display of flags, and the ringing of all the bells in the city, our first President turned to face the duties his countrymen had imposed upon him. In sight of those who would have made an idol of him, Washington's first act was to seek the aid of other strength than his own. In the calm sunshine of that April afternoon, fragrant with the presence of seed time and the promise of harvest, we leave him on his knees in Old St. Paul's, bowed with the simplicity of a child at the feet of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe.—*Scribner for February.*

KEEP YOUR TROUBLES SACRED.—A worthy wife of forty years' standing and whose life was not all made up of sunshine and peace, gives the following sensible and impressive advice to a married pair of her acquaintance. The advice is so good and so well suited to married people as well as those who intend entering that estate, that we here publish it for the benefit of such persons:

"Preserve sacredly the privacies of your own house, your married state, and your heart. Let not father or mother sister or brother, or any third person, ever presume to come in between you two, or to share the joys and sorrows that belong to you two alone. With God's help build your own quiet world, not allowing your dearest earthly friend to be the confidant of aught that concerns your domestic peace. Let moments of alienation, if they occur, be healed at once. Never, no, never speak of it outside, but to each other confess, and all will come out right. Never let the morrow's sun find you still at variance. Review and renew your vow; it will do you good, and thereby your souls will grow together, cemented in that love which is stronger than death, and you will become truly one."—*Exchange.*

It's astonishing, says the New Orleans Bulletin, to see how little there is of some ladies in these days of contracted skirts. And it is equally astonishing to see how much there is of some others.

DRY GOODS.

Special Notice!
We purpose making changes in our business on the 1st of February next; therefore we offer our large stock of

DRY GOODS

AT

A GREATLY REDUCED PRICE

MANY OF THEM MUCH BELOW COST.

As we are determined to reduce stock very considerably by that date,

BARGAINS

MAY BE EXPECTED.

To our regular credit customers we would say that as we will be selling absolutely without profit, till that date (Feb. 1st) for goods charged our bills will be presented and must be paid promptly.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY

Accompanied by the cash, or to be sent C. O. D. will be filled with care at these prices.

D. F. Witmer Co.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

dec 31—out

GROCERIES.

Meats, Groceries and Produce.

S. J. REED respectfully invites the attention of the public to his choice stock of MEATS, GROCERIES and PRODUCE, at his old stand, No. 74 South Fairfax street.

where he will endeavor to please all who may favor him with their patronage. He has now on hand 20000 lbs choice FAMILY BACON, all of his own curing, put up expressly for family use, consisting of Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Sides, Shoulders, Jowls, Chine and Spare Ribs. Pure Leaf Lard, in small packages, expressly for families, Sausage Meat, Mince Meat, Dried Peaches, Cherries and Apples. Cranberries and Pears, Potatoes and Beans; also fresh ROLL BUTTER, FRESH MEATS and POULTRY, of all kinds. All goods sold cheap for cash. Please give me a call. dec 20

W. A. JOHNSON,

Dealer in

GROCERIES AND LIQUORS.

No. 44 corner Queen and Pitt streets, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

All orders addressed to William A. Johnson, Alexandria, Va., will receive prompt attention. nov 15

GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,

Dealers in

CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS.

ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE AND BROWN STOUT.

Also, EASTERN AND POTOMAC HERRING and MACKEREL.

NOS. 166 AND 170 KING STREET, (Washington Hall Building), Alexandria, Va.

Orders promptly filled. mh 31—tf

G. W. RAMSAY,

WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER,

—AND—

TEA DEALER.

S. E. COR. KING AND ST. ASAPH STS.,

nov 22—tf Alexandria, Va.

CHEAP PLAIDS AND OTHER DRESS GOODS.

We have marked these goods down, some far below cost, thinking it better to sell at a loss now than to carry them over to another season. A great chance for bargains. Come and see them before they are all picked over. [Jan 12] D. F. WITMER CO.

NEW PERCALES.

I have just opened a handsome line of Spring Percales, new and very pretty patterns; also Gent's English Half Hose, 94 and 10 inches. COTTON SHEETINGS, &c. J. M. STEWART.

jan 8

MORE DRY GOODS—Decr. 23, 1875.

We are opening to-day more new goods for December. Sales at very low prices. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. HOOMES.

dec 22 No. 109 King st., Alexandria, Va.

HAIR CRIMPERS.

A fresh supply of IVAN'S PATENT HAIR CRIMPERS just received at

FERGUSON & BRO'S.,

jan 15 96 King street.

NEW CROP TEAS at bottom prices at

RAMSAY'S CORNER.

oct 8

BOOTS AND SHOES.

W. B. WADDEY,
74 KING STREET.

BOOTS & SHOES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Fall Trade, 1875.

The subscriber has now on hand one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods in his line ever offered in this market, which he can afford to sell at prices to suit the times.

He names in part:
LADIES', GENTS', MISSES', BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS & SHOES,

of fine and coarse work, of superior quality to any ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and handsome styles.

Also a large stock of

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS

SUITABLE FOR THE

COUNTRY TRADE,

to which he invites the special attention of country merchants and farmers.

All in want will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

W. B. WADDEY,

74 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

sep 15

MACHINISTS.

W. S. MOORE,

MACHINIST AND BLACKSMITH,

No. 65 Union street, Alexandria, Va.

Where he is prepared to furnish all kinds of MACHINERY, WROUGHT AND CAST IRON FENCIBLES, &c.

Repairing done with dispatch, and at prices that were charged previous to the war. jan 20

PHILIP PARK,

PRACTICAL PLUMBER,

No. 12 South Fairfax street.

The oldest and best established Plumbing establishment in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOBBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen. ja 2—tf

JANNEY'S OLD DOMINION TONIC

These Bitters are the extract of the best and most favorably known Medicinal Herbs, Roots, Barks and Berries, together with sufficient Pure Old Cognac Brandy to preserve them in any climate—forming, in elegant combination, a superior Tonic, Alterative and Diuretic. They are confidently recommended in all cases of Dyspepsia, Nervous Headaches, Indigestion and Heartburn, Weakness, Languor and Debility, Torpid Condition of the Liver, Obstructed Circulation and Loss of Appetite. They are also a sure preventive of Ague and Fever. They are pleasant to the taste and the most delicate stomach will find nothing disagreeable in them. Along water courses and in low and marshy districts they will prove a sure safeguard against the diseases incident to such sections of the country. Weak and debilitated females will derive great benefit from their use. In quart bottles, at \$1 each. Prepared only by

JANNEY & CO.,

and for sale, both wholesale and retail, at their Drug Warehouse, 145 King street, Alexandria, Virginia. sep 28

MATIN AGUE MIXTURE

Will Positively Cure CHILLS AND FEVER

This Mixture cures the most violent and dangerous form of the ague, and is a most valuable remedy in all cases of the disease. It is composed of the finest ingredients, and the patient need not change his customary mode of living while taking the remedy. It is a pleasant tonic, and if taken in small quantities before breakfast, each day will prevent chills and fever. It will be found that Matin Ague Mixture excites an appetite and improves the general health. For children as well as adults, it will be found a most effectual and pleasant remedy. Price \$1.50 per bottle.

JANNEY & CO.,

Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers, 145 King st., Alexandria, Va. sep 2

DRY GOODS!

Third trip North this season.

FALL STOCK AT POPULAR PRICES.

We receive and open to-day a great many choice styles of goods, and offer them at such prices as cannot fail to please.

Country Merchants will find it to their interest to take advantage of our low prices.

Large line of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods now on sale, viz: Blankets, Flannels, Counterpanes, Comforts, Cloaks, Shawls, Dress Goods in great variety, Brown and Bleached Domestic very low, new style Calicoes, very handsome, Table Damask, Towels, Crash, Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, &c., &c., together with a great many other goods, making our stock very full and complete. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. HOOMES.

No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. nov 8

CLARKE'S

GALLERY OF FINE ARTS.

No. 158 King street.

A large and choice collection of new FINE CHINA, new style BASEL STATUARY and FLOWER PIECES, fine Gold and elegant Velvet PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES, SWISS CARVED GOODS, Gold and Silver Picture Cord, PICTURE FRAMES, the finest line in the city, with many useful and beautiful articles for gifts, selected with great care and offered at low prices. dec 20

HANDSOME PRESENTS.

We have just received an assortment of GROVER & BAKER'S

SHUTTLE STITCH SEWING MACHINES,

and are prepared to sell them at the very lowest prices. A more valuable present cannot be made to a wife, mother, sister or a lady friend than one of the above machines. Call and examine or send for a circular.

dec 23 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

NEW GOODS.

25 boxes London and other Layer Raisins, New Currants and Citron, Pure Ground Spices, Flavouring Extracts, Galatine, Sardines, Spiced Salmon and Olive Oil, received and for sale by

DAVY & HARMON.

dec 17

CORN KNIVES AND CORN HOOPS,

wholesale and retail, at 88 King st., corner of Royal. Just in season. Call and see. sep 22 J. T. CRIGHTON & SON.

25 BBL'S ISAAC WENGER'S CHOICE

FAMILY FLOUR received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

jan 4

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. D. N. RUST
Has removed his office to the NORTHEAST CORNER OF PRINCE AND WASHINGTON STREETS. dec 24—tf

A CARD.—Circumstances rendering it desirable that I should locate in Baltimore, I have transferred my DENTAL PRACTICE in Alexandria to DR. D. N. RUST. He has been for so many years associated with me as to need no introduction or endorsement, his skill, ability and reputation for honesty and high integrity being well known. I cordially commend him to the favor of my friends and patients, as well worthy of the position to which he succeeds, and bespeak for him the practice with which, for so long, I have been favored. JAMES B. HODGKIN. Alexandria, Va., mar 10—tf

COL. RICHARD L. MAURY,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
1016 Main street, RICHMOND, VA.

Special facilities for prompt collections throughout Virginia and West Virginia. Money invariably remitted on day of receipt. Refers to: Gov. Jas. Letcher, (recent partner) Lexington, Va.; Gov. Jas. L. Kemper Richmond, Va.; Hon. R. M. T. Hunter; K. H. Maury & Co., Bankers; Messrs. Barringer Bros. & Co., London, England; J. K. Gilliat & Co., London, England, feb 19—1y

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—An ELEGANT RESIDENCE, on Patrick street, near King, for very low rent. Apply to W. H. CHAPMAN, City Hotel, Alexandria, Va. dec 20

WAREHOUSE FOR RENT.—I desire to rent on reasonable terms Warehouse No. 13 King street, now occupied by Warren and Moore. The house is in good repair, and is one of the best business stables in the city. Possession given 1st day of November. oct 14 C. F. SUTTLE.

CLOSING OUT SALE AT COST

FOR TWO WEEKS.

As we are about to take stock and wish to REDUCE IT

before doing so.

FERGUSON & BRO.,

dec 27 96 King street.

SOAP & SODAS.—B. T. Babbitt's best, Higgins' Gorman Laundry, Tobriner's and McDonnell's best, Dobbins' Electric, Kitchen, Crystal, Palm, sunflower, and a variety of other Laundry soaps; also a full supply of Toilet Soaps in store and for sale low by

W. A. JOHNSON,

44 corner Pitt and Queen sts. sep 7

BLANKETS, &c.—I have received a line of superior California Blankets, of extra quality. These are the best blankets in use, and made of the finest wool. Also a lot of English Canton Flannels, very heavy, and several bales of Cotton Bales, either by the bale or retail. dec 2 J. M. STEWART.

ALLOCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS.

Just received a fresh supply of the above; sold by the yard or in any size to suit, and also by the single plaster, at.

WARFIELD & HALL'S,

nov 20 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

NEW GOODS.—Received this day: Hubbell's Prepared Wheat, Green's August Flower, Thompson's Tooth Soap, Pierce's Nasal Douche, Reed's American Shoe Dressing, Darn's Castor Oil and Tonic's Extract of Witch Hazel. [oct 19] JANNEY & CO.

WRAPPING PAPER.

FOR SALE 500 LBS. UNCOAT NEWS-PAPEK, BLANK ON ONE SIDE. Apply at this office. dec 1—tf

CHANCE FOR A CHEAP OVERCOAT.

Over-Coatings at Cost!

Not wishing to carry over any of our Over-coatings, we propose closing them out at cost. Suits, Trowers, &c., at greatly reduced prices. Several suits made to order but not called for will be sold very cheap. dec 20 D. F. WITMER CO.

JEWELRY!

We have just opened a fine assortment of Jewelry, consisting of Plated Bracelets, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Garnet Sets and a variety of other goods, which are offered at very low prices. FERGUSON & BRO'S.

nov 12 96 King street.

FAMILY ROE AND NO. 1 POTOMAC HERRING, for sale by the dozen; also new No. 1, 2 and 3 Macaroni, &c. W. A. JOHNSON'S, 44, cor. Pitt and Queen sts. sep 8

WHITE'S TOOTH POWDER—sold by the bottle or in any quantity to suit the purchaser at

WARFIELD & HALL'S,

nov 20 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

RECEIVED THIS DAY BY RAIL 15 bbls

Standard A Sugar and 10 bbls Yellow do. For sale low by

JOHNSON & SHERWOOD.

LADIES' and MISSES' BALMORAL SKIRTS, Breakfast Shawls and Knit-Jackets for sale by

FERGUSON & BRO'S.,

sep 22 96 King street.

BILLS.—Our bills to January 1st are made out and will be delivered at once. Please give immediate attention to them. dec 31 D. F. WITMER & CO.

BREAKFAST SHAWLS, Nubias, Children's Hoods, Felt Skirts, &c., in variety, at

FERGUSON & BRO'S.,

nov 22 96 King street.

CAPTIVE and ALLOCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS; also Corn and Bunion Plasters for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO

dec 18 106 and 170 King street.

BULL'S COUGH SYRUP, in 50c bottles, containing three times the quantity of the 25c size, for sale by

JANNEY & CO.

jan 6

DONOT forget the closing out sale at cost

previous to taking stock at

FERGUSON & BRO'S.,

dec 27 96 King street.

RECEIVED THIS DAY BY RAIL 4 small

lots of SUGAR CURED HAMS, fine sizes.

JOHNSON & SHERWOOD,

oct 7 N. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts.

A VERY HANDSOME LINE OF LADIES' SCARFS, Lace Bows and other goods for Christmas just opened at reduced prices. [dec 13] D. F. WITMER CO.

BEAUTIFUL FALL SHAWLS—Choice styles and very popular.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

sep 14 No. 109 King st.

BORDEAUX PRUNES, and finest London Layer, loose Muscatel and Valencia Raisins received to-day by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

dec 15

PICKLES.—New Cucumber, English Mixed and Chow Chow, &c.

W. J. HARMON'S,

cor. Prince and Royal streets.

sep 1

ANOTHER LOT OF CITRON and RAISINS received to-day by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

dec 22

ARCTIC LOTION, for frosted feet, just received by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

dec 22

GRAVELLY'S PANCAKE and PLUG TOBACCO received